

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee College of Applied
Technology at Morristown on its fiftieth
anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in recognizing those outstanding institutions of higher education that, through the dedicated efforts of their students, faculty, and staff, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) at Morristown is one such estimable institution that will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2016, commemorating fifty years of excellent teaching, quality learning experiences, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students of all ages in East Tennessee have benefited from the career training they received from TCAT-Morristown, which resulted in learning marketable skills and, consequently, obtaining gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, opened for enrollment in June 1966, TCAT-Morristown is part of a statewide system of vocational-technical schools established by the General Assembly in 1963 to better meet the occupational and training needs of citizens, employees, and employers in the State; and

WHEREAS, governance of the state technical institutes and area vocational-technical schools was transferred in 1983 from the State Board of Education to the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the state area vocational-technical schools were renamed Tennessee Technology Centers before being renamed Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology in 2013 to better represent the quality of programs offered that aid in recruiting industry and development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, today, TCAT-Morristown serves ten counties in Northeast Tennessee: Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hancock, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, Sevier, and Union, with the main campus located in Morristown, the geographic center of the ten-county service area; and

WHEREAS, enjoying steady growth in enrollment and new programs since its inception, TCAT-Morristown currently offers programs on its main campus, the branch campus in Hawkins County, instructional service centers in Greeneville and Tazewell, and extension facilities at the Morristown Airport; and

WHEREAS, with an average annual non-duplicated enrollment of 1,048 students, TCAT-Morristown offers fifteen occupational full-time programs and awards certificates and diplomas for each one, depending upon the total number of clock hours completed; and

WHEREAS, TCAT-Morristown also offers supplemental evening occupational programs, special industry classes, and customized apprenticeships to meet local industry's requirements; and

WHEREAS, the success of TCAT-Morristown is directly attributable to the dedicated efforts of those outstanding administrators, faculty, and staff, who seek to give every student the tools to succeed; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize this exceptional institution of higher education on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Morristown on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and extend our deepest appreciation to the students, faculty, and staff for their laudable contributions to this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.